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Friday, 26 January 2018



Official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

15:00

77th plenary meeting [webcast]

General Assembly Hall

Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: Solemn appeal by the President of the General Assembly (A/72/700) [item 11]

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/72/L.31) [item 66 (b)]

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**Advisory Committee on Administrative
and Budgetary Questions**

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

10:00 to 13:00	Informal briefing (closed)	Conference Room 1
	Informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations by the Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations	

Security Council
**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004)
concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

10:00 to 13:00	Open briefing	Conference Room 7
	Statement by the Chair of the Committee	
	Presentation of the midterm report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	
	Statements by the Permanent Representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; Burundi; the Republic of the Congo (Chair of the ICGLR); Rwanda; Tanzania and Uganda	
	Statements from Member States	

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00	1899th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8
	The situation in Somalia (UNSOM and AMISOM)	
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)	

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013)
concerning the Central African Republic**

15:00 to 18:00	Open briefing	Conference Room 7
	Statement by the Chair of the Committee	

Statement by the Coordinator of the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic
Statements from Member States

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

15:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 8

On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"

Convened by the Vice-Chair, Bruno Rios (Mexico)

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

10:00 to 13:00

9th plenary meeting  [webcast]

Economic and Social Council Chamber

UNOPS segment

Statement by the Executive Director

UNFPA Segment (continued)

Evaluation

Formative evaluation on the UNFPA innovation initiative and management response

Quadrennial budgeted evaluation plan, 2018-2021

15:00 to 18:00

 [webcast]

Economic and Social Council Chamber

Joint segment

Recommendations of the board of Auditors

Reports of UNDP and UNOPS on the status of implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors for 2016

UNFPA report on the follow-up to the report of the United Nations Board of Auditors for 2016: Status of implementation of recommendations

Other matters

Adoption of pending decisions

Organizational matters

Adoption of the tentative workplan for the annual session 2018

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Monday, 29 January 2018

15:00

Conference Room 3

Briefing by the Co-Chairs of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals, convened by the President of the General Assembly pursuant to General Assembly resolution 72/208

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 22 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 1 and Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

Informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations by the Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 2

Conduct and Discipline including Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; and Mine action

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018/L.1, A/72/573, A/72/573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018/L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

Delegations are urged to register through the e-deleGATE Portal, if they wish to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *two hours* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery.

Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the
Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial
Countries and Peoples**

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Mr. Irfan Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-sixth session

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

Burundi configuration

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Informal meeting

Conference Room 7

Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00

1st plenary meeting

Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session (PBC/11/OC/L.1 and PBC/11/OC/1 (to be issued)))

Election of officers

Workplan of the Peacebuilding Commission

Other matters

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

Thursday, 1 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 8

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution
1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan**

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Meeting with the Sudan and regional States	
	Other matters	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:00	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
17:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 11:30	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
11:30 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities".

In view of the interactive nature of this event, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *3 minutes* (5 minutes for groups).

All are invited to attend.

Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the secretariat of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum no later than *13:00, on 26 January 2018*, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room (pricec@un.org and simonp@un.org).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers, only those who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat by *26 January 2018*, will have reserved seats in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council ([click here](#)); or by contacting the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (simonp@un.org).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 1
	Election of officers [item 1]	
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2018/1) [item 2]	
	Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat [item 5]	
	General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]	
	Consideration of special reports [item 7]	
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]	
15:00 to 18:00	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]	
	Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to Mr. Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Committee (e-mail lomaia@un.org with a copy to leu@un.org).	
	Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (click here). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.	

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

Monday, 29 January, to Wednesday, 7 February 2018

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00	Opening meeting	Conference Room 4
	The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2018/1. For further information on the fifty-sixth and previous sessions of the Commission, please click here .	
	For <i>participation and seating arrangements</i> , members of the Commission, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, which is available.	
	Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who registered the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal, <i>by Wednesday</i> ,	

24 January 2018, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

General discussion under agenda item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) and item 3 b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Monday, 29 January 2018.

Requests for inscription from permanent missions and observer States for the joint general discussion on sub-items 3 (a) and 3 (b) should be sent through the e-Speakers module of the e-deleGATE portal ([click here](#)).

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of request for inscription. Intergovernmental organizations, entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, the United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe with the *list of speakers* are kindly requested to contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *twelve minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart* services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission. The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations. For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please [click here](#).

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 25 January 2018

Security Council

 [archived video]

8167th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt, Estonia, Iceland, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Maldives, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited His Excellency Mr. João Pedro Vale de Almeida, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, His Excellency Mr. Maged Abdelfattah Abdelaziz, Permanent Observer for the League of Arab States to the United Nations, and His Excellency Mr. Fodé Seck, Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See to the United Nations to participate in the meeting in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the Council's previous practice.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov (via video-teleconference from Jerusalem).

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representative of the United States, the Russian Federation, China, the Netherlands, Kuwait, Sweden, France, Ethiopia, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Poland, the United Kingdom, Equatorial Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Kazakhstan.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Mr. Mohamed Asim, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Cuba, Pakistan and Indonesia.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. de Almeida (speaking on behalf of the European Union and its Member States; the Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania and the country of the Stabilization and Association Process and a potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina aligned themselves with the statement).

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Jordan.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Abdelaziz.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Botswana, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Estonia, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic, Brazil, Morocco, Turkey (speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), the United Arab Emirates (speaking on behalf of the Arab Group), Norway, Iraq, Iceland, Egypt, Qatar and Bangladesh.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Seck.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Malaysia.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

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Other meetings

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Friday, 26 January 2018

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Social Development)

10:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 11

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 6

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below
www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)**

Thursday, 1 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 6

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European States Group

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 11:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room A

Eastern European States Group (at the expert level)

Monday, 29 January 2018

10:00 to 12:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Monday, 29 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 29 January 2018

15:00 to 16:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 8

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

Ms. United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on the theme “Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility” in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (organized by the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

11:00 to 13:00

General Assembly Hall

All are invited. To register, please *click here*.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Round table discussion “The Way Forward of the United Nations Development System on Middle-Income Countries” (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

 [webcast]

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tamara Kharashun (tamara.kharashun@gmail.com; tel. 212-772-2354) and Mr. Diego Padilla (e-mail dpadilla@misioneronu.org, tel. 212-986-6373).

Development Policy Seminar on “Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy” (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 1 February 2018

14:00 to 16:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyes1@un.org; 212-963-1487).

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Conference Room 3

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**General Assembly
Security Council**

Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

Burundi configuration

10:00 to 13:00	Informal meeting	Conference Room 7
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Economic and Social Council

2018 session

10:30 to 13:00	Briefing	Economic and Social Council Chamber
	The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Marc Peeste de Buytsverve (Belgium), will convene the first informal interactive briefing on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, in preparation for the operational activities for development segment of the Council (E/2018/7).	
	The briefing, with the participation of the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina Mohammed, will focus on the proposals for a new generation of United Nations country teams and a reinvigorated resident coordinator system.	
	The briefing is open to all Member States.	

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

10:00 to 13:00	1st meeting  [webcast]	Conference Room 1
	Election of officers [item 1]	
	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2018/1) [item 2]	
	Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat [item 5]	

General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]

Consideration of special reports [item 7]

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

15:00 to 18:00

2nd meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 1

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Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

10:00

2nd meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 4

Election of officers [item 1]

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

World Programme of Action for Youth

Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Family issues, policies and programmes

Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development

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For the participation and seating arrangements, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the secretariat of the Commission of the composition of their delegations (Isabel Alejandrino, alejandrino@un.org; Paolo Dua, duap@un.org; Catalina De Leon, leonc@un.org).

The provisional list of participants shall be made available to all delegations by Tuesday, 6 February 2018, while the official list of delegations shall be issued shortly after the conclusion of the session. Requests for inscription from permanent missions and observer States for the joint general discussion on sub-items 3 (a) and 3 (b) should be sent through the e-Speakers module of the e-deleGATE portal.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of the request for inscription. Intergovernmental organizations, entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, United Nations system, including funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions wishing to inscribe with the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee in writing. Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed 7 minutes; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed 12 minutes; and statements made by observers should not exceed 5 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least 1 hour(s) in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery. Delegations are kindly reminded to

provide 30 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than 1 hour before delivery of the statement.

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please see link.

For information on side events during the session, including the online application form, please see link.]

15:00

3rd meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

High-level panel discussion on "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"

For details on the panel discussion, please see link. Members, as well as observers, are requested to register the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers through the e-List of Participants module on the e-deleGATE portal, by 17:00, on Friday, 2 February 2018.

The provisional list of participants shall be made available to all delegations by Tuesday, 6 February 2018, while the official list of delegations shall be issued shortly after the conclusion of the session. (Isabel Alejandrino, alejandrino@un.org; Paolo Dua, duap@un.org; Catalina De Leon, leonc@un.org).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who had registered the composition of their delegations in the e-deleGATE portal, by the deadline of Wednesday, 24 January 2018, were provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Thursday, 1 and Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; tel. 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 2

Conduct and Discipline including Sexual, Exploitation and Abuse; and Mine action

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018/L.1, A/72/573, A/72/573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018/L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

Delegations are urged to register through the E-deleGATE Portal, if they wish to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *two hours* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery.

Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Irfan.Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-sixth session

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00

1st plenary meeting

Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session (PBC/11/OC/L.1 and PBC/11/OC/1 (to be issued))

Election of officers

Workplan of the Peacebuilding Commission

Other matters

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Open meeting	Conference Room 11
	Pre-session briefing	
	Orientation of new Executive Board Members 2018	
	For further information, please see link.	

Thursday, 1 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Informal briefing	Conference Room 5
	Informal briefing on the establishment of the in-house internal audit function and consolidation of Evaluation and Internal Audit (unwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org).	

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

Thursday, 1 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Meeting with the Sudan and regional States	
	Other matters	

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Programme of work of the Panel of Experts on Mali under resolution 2374 (2017)	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 17:00	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
17:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 11:30	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
11:30 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

The economic and Social Council will hold its youth forum on the theme "The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities".

In view of the interactive nature of this event, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *3 minutes* (5 minutes for groups).

All are invited to attend.

Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the secretariat of the Council of their prospective participation in the forum no later than *13:00, on 26 January 2018*, to be pre-assigned a seat in the meeting room (pricec@un.org and simonp@un.org).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers, only those who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat by *26 January 2018*, will have reserved seats in the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council ([click here](#)); or by contacting the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (simonp@un.org).

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

09:00 Closed meeting Conference Room B
On the draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development"

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

11:30 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room B
On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"
Convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bruno Rios (Mexico)

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 2nd plenary meeting Conference Room 3

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Member states, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials, by fax or e-mail, to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board, as early as possible, but no later than 2 February 2018.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate in writing, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is 3 minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and 5 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group. UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion.

To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations.

To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge).

UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or with advance notice they can let us know what services they wish us to procure on their behalf.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website

The upcoming session will be PaperSmart. During the session, hard copies will not be distributed. All documentation will be available to download through the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The UNICEF Executive Board homepage will also provide a link to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board.

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations presenting statements during the general discussion and on specific agenda items will be called upon by the President in the following order of priority:

Members of the Bureau of the UNICEF Executive Board who may wish to take the floor (organized by rank).

Representatives of United Nations Regional Groups speaking on behalf of their groups (organized by rank)

Permanent Missions of the United Nations that had sent in advance written requests to the UNICEF secretariat to take the floor at a specific time (with priority given to members of the Executive Board, followed by observers)

Delegations are encouraged to send in such requests in a timely fashion, with a clear indication in the subject line of the title and date of the meeting and agenda item.

Requests received from the floor through the electronic system, on a first come, first served basis

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 26 January 2018

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

 [archived video]

77th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/72/713) [item 140]

The General Assembly took note of the letter from the Secretary-General (A/72/713) concerning 14 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Sport for development and peace: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: solemn appeal by the President of the General Assembly (A/72/700) [item 11]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 11.

The General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce (A/72/700) (decision 72/549).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 11.

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: draft decision (A/72/L.31) [item 66 (b)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 66.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement, in the course of which she introduced draft decision A/72/L.31.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft decision A/72/L.31 (decision 72/550).

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote after adoption.

Statements were made by the representatives of Equatorial Guinea (on behalf of the African States), the European Union (on behalf of its member States) and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 66.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/323, material published under the sections below is available in *English and French only*.

Other meetings

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Monday, 29 January 2018

Eastern European States Group

10:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
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Eastern European States Group (at the Expert level)

10:00 to 12:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5
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Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 11

Group of the Least Developed Countries (at the expert level)

15:00 to 17:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room A

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties (Bureau meeting)

15:00 to 15:45

Closed meeting

Conference Room 6

Non-Aligned Movement (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 16:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 8

Press conferences*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below
www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations" (under agenda item 123) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Honduras)

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

10:00 to 11:30

Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Thursday, 1 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 6

Forthcoming other meetings

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Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

Event entitled "The role of family policies in eradicating poverty – An evidence and policy-based approach to empowering families" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Hungary and the International Federation for Family Development)

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

13:15 to 14:30

Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdolna Pongor (magdolna.pongor@mfa.gov.hu). To register, please [click here](#).

United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on the theme "Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility" in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (organized by the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

11:00 to 13:00

General Assembly Hall

All are invited. To register, please [click here](#).

Youth Forum entitled "Man and the Biosphere: Committing to Sustainable Development" (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO))

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

13:15 to 14:45

Closed meeting

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact a.persic@unesco.org.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Event entitled "Launch of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) Trust Fund: Protecting your people and investments at the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security)

Wednesday 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact andersont@un.org. To subscribe, please contact gostlin@un.org.

Round table discussion "The Way Forward of the United Nations Development System on Middle-Income Countries" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

 [webcast]

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tamara Kharashun (tamara.kharashun@gmail.com; tel. 212-772-2354) and Mr. Padilla (e-mail dpadilla@misioncronu.org, tel. 212-986-6373).

Development Policy Seminar on "Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy" (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 1 February 2018

14:00 to 16:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyes1@un.org; tel. 212-963-1487).

Public briefing on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development on the Global Economic Context (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00

... Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Chowla (chowla@un.org; tel. 212-963-8618).

Briefing on the preparations for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:45

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

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Programme of meetings and agenda

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Official meetings

Security Council

10:00

8168th meeting [webcast]

Security Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus
(S/2018/25)

Followed by

8169th meeting [webcast]

Security Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda

The situation in the Central African Republic

Letter dated 6 December 2017 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to resolution 2339 (2017) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/1023)

Followed by

8170th meeting [webcast]

Security Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda

Peace consolidation in West Africa



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	Adoption of the agenda	
	The situation in the Middle East	
	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015), 2332 (2016) and 2393 (2017) (S/2018/60)	
Followed by	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Middle East (Syria) (S/2018/60)	
	Other matters	
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Launch of the *Digital Journal of the United Nations*

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

10:00 to 13:00	Youth forum  [webcast]	Trusteeship Council Chamber
		Overflow room: Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Theme "The role of youth in building sustainable and resilient urban and rural communities"	
	Opening statement by the President of the Economic and Social Council (the Czech Republic)	
	Statement by the President of the General Assembly	
	Keynote address by the President of the International Forestry Students' Association	

Address by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

Address by the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Interactive round-table on the theme of the Forum, with the participation of ministers, other high-level speakers and representatives of youth organizations, moderated by the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth

For details on the roundtable, please [click here](#) or [here](#).

15:00 to 17:00

Youth forum breakout session  [webcast]

Parallel thematic breakout sessions on the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, taking into account the themes of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council at its 2018 session

Topic: Sustainable Development Goal 6: Ensure access to water and sanitation for all (Conference Room 8)

Topic: Sustainable Development Goal 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (Conference Room 12)

Topic: Sustainable Development Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable (Conference Room 11)

Topic: Sustainable Development Goal 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns (Conference Room 7)

Topic: Sustainable Development Goal 15: Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss, and the related processes (Conference Room 5)

Topic: Sustainable Development Goal 17: The use of science, technology and innovations in facilitating youth engagement, development and resilience (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

For details on the thematic breakout sessions, please [click here](#).

17:00 to 18:00

Youth forum  [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Reporting by the moderators of the thematic breakout sessions on the outcomes of their respective sessions, followed by an interactive discussion

For details, please [click here](#).

[In view of the interactive nature of the Youth Forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to 3 minutes (5 minutes for groups).

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council ([click here](#)); or by contacting Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. (917) 367-5027).

For the list of side events during the Youth Forum, please [click here](#).]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

10:00 to 13:00	3rd meeting  [webcast]	Conference Room 1
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]	
	E/C.2/2018/1	
15:00 to 18:00	4th meeting  [webcast]	Conference Room 1
	New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]	
	Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexander Lomaia, e-mail lomaia@un.org , Mr. Victor Leu, leu@un.org and Ms. Lidija Komatina, komatina@un.org).	
	Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (click here). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.	

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

09:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room B
	On the draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development"	
10:00 to 13:00	4th meeting  [webcast]	Conference Room 4
	Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]	
	Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all	
	Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	
	World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	
	Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	
	World Programme of Action for Youth	
	Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	
	Family issues, policies and programmes	
	General discussion on item 3 (a) and (b) (<i>continued</i>) (E/CN.5/2018/2, E/CN.5/2018/3, E/CN.5/2018/4 and A/73/61-E/2018/4)	
	NGOs written statements	
	Side events	

	PaperSmart	
	Website	
11:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B
	On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"	
	Convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bruno Rios (Mexico)	
15:00 to 18:00	5th meeting  [webcast]	Conference Room 4
	Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]	
	Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development (E/CN.5/2018.5)	
	High-level panel discussion on "Towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development"	
	Panel discussion	

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

10:00 to 13:00	Open meeting	Conference Room 11
	Pre-session briefing	
	Orientation of new Executive Board Members 2018	
	For further information, please see link.	

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Thursday, 1 and Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00	Trusteeship Council Chamber
	An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.
	Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org ; tel. 212-963-5307).
	A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Monday, 5 February 2018

11:00

 [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing on the G20 summit.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 26 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 2

Conduct and Discipline including Sexual, Exploitation and Abuse; and Mine action

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018/L.1, A/72/573, A/72/573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018/L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

Delegations are urged to register through the E-deleGATE Portal, if they wish to be inscribed on the list of speakers.

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least *two hours* in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery.

Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than *one hour* before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Special Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Mr. Irfan Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-sixth session

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 13:00

1st plenary meeting  (webcast)

Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session (PBC/11/OC/L.1 and PBC/11/OC/1 (to be issued))

Election of officers

Workplan of the Peacebuilding Commission

Other matters

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Thursday, 1 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00	Informal briefing	Conference Room 5
	Informal briefing on the establishment of the in-house internal audit function and consolidation of Evaluation and Internal Audit (unwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org).	

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

Thursday, 1 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8
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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Meeting with the Sudan and regional States	
	Other matters	

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Programme of work of the Panel of Experts on Mali under resolution 2374 (2017)	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

10:00 to 11:30	Youth forum breakout session	Trusteeship Council Chamber
11:30 to 13:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber
15:00 to 18:00	Youth forum	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 2nd plenary meeting Conference Room 3

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Member states, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials, by fax or e-mail, to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board, as early as possible, but no later than 2 February 2018.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate in writing, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is 3 minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and 5 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group. UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion.

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To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

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As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website

The upcoming session will be PaperSmart. During the session, hard copies will not be distributed. All documentation will be available to download through the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The UNICEF Executive Board homepage will also provide a link to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board.

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations presenting statements during the general discussion and on specific agenda items will be called upon by the President in the following order of priority:

Members of the Bureau of the UNICEF Executive Board who may wish to take the floor (organized by rank).

Representatives of United Nations Regional Groups speaking on behalf of their groups (organized by rank)

Permanent Missions of the United Nations that had sent in advance written requests to the UNICEF secretariat to take the floor at a specific time (with priority given to members of the Executive Board, followed by observers)

Delegations are encouraged to send in such requests in a timely fashion, with a clear indication in the subject line of the title and date of the meeting and agenda item.

Requests received from the floor through the electronic system, on a first come, first served basis

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 29 January 2018

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

 [archived video]

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Vice-Chair of the 2017 session of the Committee, Mr. Farid Jabrayilov (Azerbaijan) opened the 2018 regular session of the Committee.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Committee re-elected, by acclamation, Mr. Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the 2018 regular and resumed sessions.

The Chair made opening remarks.

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Ceren Hande Özgür (Turkey) as the Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee postponed the election of the remaining members of the bureau to a later stage.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.2/2018/1.

Organization of work

The Committee approved its programme of work and its tentative schedule of work, as contained in Working Paper 1.

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), made a statement.

*Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat [item 5]**General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]*

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the observers for the European Union and the United Kingdom.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States, Uruguay and the Russian Federation.

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece, China, India, South Africa, Mauritania, Israel, Nicaragua, the Russian Federation, the United States and Pakistan.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 49 non-governmental organizations.

2nd meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee resumed consideration of this sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, the United States, Mauritania, South Africa, Israel, Cuba, Burundi and Uruguay.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Muslims for Progressive Values, and Children's Hope India, Inc.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 46 non-governmental organizations.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

 [archived video]

2nd meeting

The Vice-Chair (China) opened the meeting.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Commission elected, by acclamation Mr. Nikulás Hannigan (Iceland), as Chair of the fifty-sixth session.

The Commission also elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Lot Dzonzi (Malawi) and Ms. Mihaela Mecea (Romania) as Vice-Chairs of the fifty-sixth session.

Designation of a Rapporteur

The Commission was informed that the Vice-Chair (Romania) would serve as Rapporteur for the session.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2018/1 and E/CN.5/2018/1 Corr.1, and approved its organization of work, as contained in Annex I to the same document, on the understanding that further adjustments would be made, if necessary, during the course of the session.

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

World Programme of Action for Youth

Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Family issues, policies and programmes

Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development

The Commission began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the Chair.

Statements were made by the President of the Economic and Social Council; the Deputy-Secretary-General; and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the civil society and youth.

The Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced the documents under the item.

General discussion

The Commission began its joint general discussion of sub-items (a) and (b) of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bulgaria (also on behalf of the member States of the European Union, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia), Peru, Paraguay, Portugal and Ghana.

Statements were also made by the observers for Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Equatorial Guinea (on behalf of African States), Costa Rica (also on behalf of Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Qatar, Slovenia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay comprising the Group of Friends of Older Persons at the United Nations in New York and in national capacity), Egypt and Guatemala.

3rd meeting

The summary of the 3rd meeting of the Commission for Social Development, will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2018/21).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/323, material published under the sections below is available in *English and French only*.

Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations" (under agenda item 123) (convened by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Honduras)

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 8

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Event entitled "The role of family policies in eradicating poverty – An evidence and policy-based approach to empowering families" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Hungary and the International Federation for Family Development)

13:15 to 14:30

📺 [webcast]

Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Magdolna Pongor (magdolna.pongor@mfa.gov.hu). To register, please [click here](#).

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 2

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 3

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) 📺 [webcast]

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Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 8

Forthcoming other meetings

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United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on the theme "Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility" in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (organized by the Department of Public Information)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

11:00 to 13:00

General Assembly Hall

All are invited. To register, please [click here](#).**Event entitled "Launch of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) Trust Fund: Protecting your people and investments at the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security)**

Wednesday 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact andersont@un.org. To subscribe, please contact gostlin@un.org.**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)**

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Round table discussion "The Way Forward of the United Nations Development System on Middle-Income Countries" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Costa Rica)

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

15:00 to 18:00

 [webcast]

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tamara Kharashun (tamara.kharashun@gmail.com; tel. 212-772-2354) and Mr. Diego Padilla (e-mail dpadilla@misioncronu.org, tel. 212-986-6373).

Development Policy Seminar on “Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy” (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 1 February 2018

14:00 to 16:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyes1@un.org; tel. 212-963-1487).

Public briefing on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development on the Global Economic Context (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Chowla (chowla@un.org; tel. 212-963-8618).

Briefing on the preparations for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:45

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

For further information, please contact Ms. Yu Pin (chan7@un.org).

Presentation on the Candidacy of Baku for World EXPO 2025 (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

Wednesday, 7 February 2018

12:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Mr. Ilkin Hajivey (tel. 646-738-6265).

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Material related to informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions, other meetings and side events should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 212-963-3888 and 963-0493; Secretariat Building, 12th Floor, 01-C). The deadline for submissions is 18:00, at least two days in advance.

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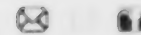
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Programme of meetings and agenda

Wednesday, 31 January 2018



Official meetings

Security Council

10:00

8172nd meeting [webcast]

Security Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

Followed by

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Security Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda

Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507)

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

15:00 to 18:00	Informal briefing (closed)	Conference Room 2
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Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

10:00 to 13:00	1st plenary meeting  [webcast]	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda (PBC/11/OC/1)	
	Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session (PBC/11/OC/L.1)	
	Election of officers	
	Workplan of the Peacebuilding Commission	
	Other matters	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

10:00 to 11:30	Youth Forum breakout session  [webcast]	Overflow room; Conference Room 2
	Parallel regional breakout sessions on key regional concerns and priorities for meaningful youth participation in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals	
	Region: Africa (Conference Room 5)	
	Region: Europe, North America and other States (Conference Room 9)	

Region: Latin America and the Caribbean (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Region: Asia and the Pacific (Conference Room 2726/2727)

Region: Arab States (Conference Room 8)

For details on the regional breakout sessions, please [click here](#).

11:30 to 13:00

Youth Forum  [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber
Overflow room: Conference Room 2

Reporting by the moderators of the regional breakout sessions on the outcomes of their respective sessions, including reports and key messages from other youth-related forums, followed by an interactive discussion

For details, please [click here](#).

Interactive roundtable on means of implementation and financing youth development, with the participation of Ministers, other high-level speakers and representatives of youth organizations, and moderated by a representative of Demokratie & Dialogue

Remarks by the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth

For details on the roundtable, please [click here](#).

15:00 to 18:00

Youth forum  [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber
Overflow room: Conference Room 7

Interactive roundtable on means of implementation and financing youth development, with the participation of Ministers, other high-level speakers and representatives of youth organizations, and moderated by a representative of Demokratie & Dialogue

For details on the roundtable, please [click here](#).

Pledges of commitment to building resilient and sustainable communities by stakeholders

For details, please [click here](#).

Closing statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Closing statement by the Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth

Closing statement by the President of the Economic and Social Council

[In view of the interactive nature of the Youth Forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements.

In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to 3 minutes (5 minutes for groups).

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council ([click here](#)); or by contacting Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (simonp@un.org; 917-367-5027).

For the list of side events during the Youth Forum, please [click here](#).]

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

- 10:00 to 13:00 5th meeting  [webcast] Conference Room 1
- New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)] (E/C.2/2018/1)
- 15:00 to 18:00 6th meeting  [webcast] Conference Room 1
- Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)] (E/C.2/2018/1)
- Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexander Lomaia, lomaia@un.org, Mr. Victor Leu, leu@un.org and Ms. Lidija Komatina, komatina@un.org).
- Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs ([click here](#)).
- Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

- 10:00 6th meeting  [webcast] Conference Room 4
- Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]
- Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups
- High-level panel discussion on "Global review of the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002" (E/CN.5/2018/4)
- Side events
- Website
- 15:00 7th meeting  [webcast] Conference Room 4
- Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]
- Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups
- High-level panel discussion on "Towards inclusive, resilient and sustainable development: an evidence-based approach to the mainstreaming of disability in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Agenda 2030"
- Panel discussion

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Thursday, 1 and Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org; 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Monday, 5 February 2018

11:00

 [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing on the G20 summit.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 26 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018 L.1, A/72.573, A/72.573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018 L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open.

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least 2 hour(s) in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery. Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than 1 hour before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Contacts: Sangeeta Sharma, Committee Secretary (sharma7@un.org), Henry Breed, Deputy Committee Secretary (breed@un.org); Lidija Komatina (for inquiries regarding the e-list of participants komatina@un.org, Tomas Casas (for inquiries regarding the e-list of speakers (casast@un.org), Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org).

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Mr. Irfan Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Forty-sixth session

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Thursday, 1 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Informal briefing

Conference Room 5

Informal briefing on the establishment of the in-house internal audit function and consolidation of Evaluation and Internal Audit (unwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org).

Security Council

Military Staff Committee

Thursday, 1 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00	1900th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8
	EU Common Security and Defence Policy operations and missions	

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Meeting with the Sudan and regional States	
	Other matters	

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 16:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
	Adoption of the agenda	
	Programme of work of the Panel of Experts on Mali under resolution 2374 (2017)	

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Thursday, 1 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00	Expert-level meeting	Conference Room 6
	The Permanent Mission of Belgium will convene an expert-level discussion on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR) of operational activities for development of the UN system, in preparation for the operational activities for development segment of the Council. The expert-level discussion will focus on the Secretary-General's proposals for a new generation of United Nations country teams and a reinvigorated resident coordinator system. All Member States are invited to attend. For further information <i>click here or here</i>.	

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

Thursday, 1 February 2018

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B
	On the draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development"	
16:30	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B
	On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"	
	Convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bruno Rios (Mexico)	

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00	2nd plenary meeting	Conference Room 3
	Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.	
	Member states, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials, by fax or e-mail, to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board, as early as possible, but no later than 2 February 2018.	
	In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate in writing, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.	
	The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is 3 minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and 5 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group. UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion.	
	To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations.	
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	UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or with advance notice they can let us know what services they wish us to procure on their behalf.	
	As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website	

The upcoming session will be PaperSmart. During the session, hard copies will not be distributed. All documentation will be available to download through the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

The UNICEF Executive Board homepage will also provide a link to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board.

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations presenting statements during the general discussion and on specific agenda items will be called upon by the President in the following order of priority:

Members of the Bureau of the UNICEF Executive Board who may wish to take the floor (organized by rank)

Representatives of United Nations Regional Groups speaking on behalf of their groups (organized by rank)

Permanent Missions of the United Nations that had sent in advance written requests to the UNICEF secretariat to take the floor at a specific time (with priority given to members of the Executive Board, followed by observers)

Delegations are encouraged to send in such requests in a timely fashion, with a clear indication in the subject line of the title and date of the meeting and agenda item.

Requests received from the floor through the electronic system, on a first come, first served basis.

Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 29 January 2018

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

 [archived video]

3rd meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all [item 3 (a)]

Panel discussion on the priority theme "strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"

A keynote address was made by Mr. Juan Somavía, Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Chile.

The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Jane Barratt, Secretary-General of the International Federation on Ageing.

The panellists were the following: Her Excellency Ana Helena Chacón, Vice-President of the Republic of Costa Rica; Her Excellency Ghada Waly, Minister of Social Solidarity of Egypt; Mr. Mark Kamperhoff, Head of Unit, European Union Coordination and International Affairs of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany; and Mr. Mark McGreevey, Group Chief Executive, DePaul International.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of Mexico, El Salvador, Namibia and Brazil, as well as by the observers for Hungary, Costa Rica, Morocco, Cuba and South Africa.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); SustainUs; International Federation on Ageing; and Soroptimist International.

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Security Council

 [archived video]

8168th meeting

The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2018/72)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2018/72, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2018/72) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2018/72) received fifteen votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2398 (2018).

8169th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

Letter dated 6 December 2017 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to resolution 2339 (2017) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2017/1023)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2018/73, submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2018/73) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2018/73) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2399 (2018).

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France, Côte d'Ivoire and the Netherlands.

8170th meeting

Peace consolidation in West Africa

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/3).

8171st meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014), 2258 (2015), 2332 (2016) and 2393 (2017) (S/2018/60)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Ms. Ursula Mueller, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ms. Mueller.

A statement was made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, the United States, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Peru and the Equatorial Guinea.

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

 [archived video]

3rd meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania, India, Nicaragua, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, China, Cuba and the Russian Federation.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 42 non-governmental organizations.

4th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)]

The Committee resumed consideration of this sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Cuba, Nicaragua, Mauritania, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the United States.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The representatives of Nicaragua, Cuba, the Sudan, the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mauritania, the Russian Federation, Greece and Israel posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Balance Promoción para el Desarrollo y Juventud; Hardwired, Inc.; Stichting Choice for Youth and Sexuality; and Ocean Sanctuary Alliance, Inc.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 19 non-governmental organizations.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

 [archived video]

4th meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

- (a) *Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all*
- (b) *Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups*
 - (i) *World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons*
 - (ii) *Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities*
 - (iii) *World Programme of Action for Youth*
 - (iv) *Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002*
 - (v) *Family issues, policies and programmes*

General discussion

The Commission resumed its joint general discussion of sub-items 3 (a) and 3 (b) and heard statements by the representatives of the Congo, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Belarus, Mexico, Israel, Switzerland, El Salvador and Namibia.

Statements were also made by the observers for Zimbabwe, the Niger, Chile, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Argentina, Hungary, Thailand, Georgia, South Africa, Uruguay, Kenya and the Dominican Republic.

5th meeting

The summary of the 5th meeting of the Commission for Social Development, will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2018/22).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/323, material published under the sections below is available in English and French only.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Information briefing for GRULAC members: "ECLAC Regional Consultation on Financing for Development in Latin America and the Caribbean"

09:00 to 10:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room F

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

16:00 to 17:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room E

Event entitled "Global Thinkers Dialogue: the China Center for International Knowledge on Development" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and the United Nations Development Programme)

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room A

For further information [click here](#); or contact Mr. Shams Banihani (shams.banihani@undp.org), or Mr. Michael Stewart (michael.stewart@undp.org).

United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on the theme "Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility" in observance of the International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (organized by the Department of Public Information)

11:00 to 17:00

 [webcast]

General Assembly Hall

All are invited. To register, please [click here](#).

Event entitled "Launch of the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) Trust Fund: Protecting your people and investments at the United Nations" (organized by the United Nations Department of Safety and Security)

15:30 to 18:00

Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact anderson@un.org. To subscribe, please contact gostlin@un.org.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 16:30

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room E

Round table discussion "The Way Forward of the United Nations Development System on Middle-Income Countries" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belarus and Costa Rica)

15:00 to 18:00

 [webcast]

Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Tamara Kharashun (tamara.kharashun@gmail.com; tel. 212-772-2354) and Mr. Diego Padilla (e-m: dpadilla@missioncronu.org, tel. 212-986-6373).

Press conferencesPress Briefing Room (S-0237)  [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below
www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/contschedule.asp.

Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/231 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly**Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)**

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 8

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (Briefing by MIGA on investment guarantees) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 1 February 2018

13:15 to 14:45

Closed meeting

Conference Room 6

Development Policy Seminar on "Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy" (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 1 February 2018

14:00 to 16:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room C

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyesl@un.org; 212-963-1487).

Public briefing on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development on the Global Economic Context (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Chowla (chowla@un.org; 212-963-8618).

Event entitled "Reconciliation and Peace in Colombia: Confidence-Building Developments and Continuing Challenges" (A/RES/70/181) (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, the Permanent Mission of Colombia, and Caritas Internationalis, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Catholic Peacebuilding Network)

Friday, 2 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer of the Holy See (office@holyseemission.org; 212-370-7885); or [click here](#) to register.

Briefing on the preparations for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:45

Closed meeting

Conference Room 5

For further information, please contact Ms. Yu Pin (chan7@un.org).

Presentation on the Candidacy of Baku for World EXPO 2025 (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

Wednesday, 7 February 2018

12:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Mr. Ilkin Hajivey (646-738-6265).

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Programme of meetings and agenda

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Official meetings

Security Council

11:30

Consultations of the whole (closed)

Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

The President of the Security Council for the month of February 2018 (Kuwait) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the work for the month, *today*, 1 February 2018, at 12:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month, *today*, 1 February 2018, at 15:00, in the Press Briefing Room (S-0237).

Delegations can view the press briefing from the United Nations Webcast.] [webcast]

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General Assembly

Seventy-second session

10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org, 212-963-5307).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00

Closed

Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00

Closed

Conference Room 10

Board of Auditors for Peacekeeping Operations

Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

10:00 to 11:30

Informal briefing

Conference Room 5

Informal briefing on the establishment of the in-house internal audit function and consolidation of Evaluation and Internal Audit (funwsecretaryoftheeb@unwomen.org).

Security Council**Military Staff Committee**

11:00 to 13:00

1900th meeting (closed)

Conference Room 8

EU Common Security and Defence Policy operations and missions

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

15:00 to 18:00

Expert-level meeting

Conference Room 2

The Permanent Mission of Belgium will convene an expert-level discussion on the repositioning of the United Nations development system, in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCP) of operational activities for development of the UN system, in preparation for the operational activities for development segment of the Council.

The expert-level discussion will focus on the Secretary-General's proposals for a new generation of United Nations country teams and a reinvigorated resident coordinator system.

All Member States are invited to attend.

For further information [click here](#) or [here](#).

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

10:00 to 13:00

7th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification [item 3 (b)] (E/C.2/2018/1)

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

15:00 to 18:00

8th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 1

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)] (E/C.2/2018/1)

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexander Lomaia, lomaia@un.org, Mr. Victor Leu, leu@un.org and Ms. Lidija Komatina, komatina@un.org).

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs ([click here](#)).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

10:00

8th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

World Programme of Action for Youth

Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Family issues, policies and programmes

Introductory statements

General discussion on item 3 (a) and (b) *(continued)*

A/73/61-E/2018/4, E/CN.5/2018/2, E/CN.5/2018/3 and E/CN.5/2018/4

PaperSmart

Side Events

Website

NGOs written statements

10:00

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room B

On the draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development"

15:00

9th meeting  [webcast]

Conference Room 4

Programme questions and other matters [item 4]

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PaperSmart

Side Events

Website

NGOs written statements

16:30

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room B

On the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development"

Convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bruno Rios (Mexico)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventy-second session

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

An informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (galindo@un.org).

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Monday, 5 February 2018

11:00

 [webcast]

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting of the plenary to hear a briefing on the G20 summit.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 26 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process to adopt a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00
Chamber

 [webcast]

Trusteeship Council

Informal briefing by the co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration to present the zero draft of the Global Compact.

Member States, observers, United Nations entities and stakeholders accredited to the preparatory process are invited to attend.

Friday, 9 February 2018

10:00

Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the proposed elements of the modalities draft resolution of the high-level meeting on the fight against tuberculosis.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 29 January 2018, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

Monday, 5 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

388th meeting

Economic and Social Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda (A/AC.183/2018.1.2)

Election of officers

Draft programme of work for 2018

Updates by Members and Observers of the Committee on their activities in relation to the Question of Palestine

Other matters

The meeting will be held at the ambassadorial level

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Monday, 12 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 1

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2018 substantive session from Monday, 12 February 2018, to Friday, 9 March 2018. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee become members at the following session of the Committee" (A/AC.121/2018/L.1, A/72/573, A/72/573/Add.1 and A/AC.121/2018/L.2 (to be issued)).

Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee (Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria), and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat of the Committee.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open.

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are requested to do so through the e-deleGATE portal.

An automated e-mail acknowledgement will be sent within one hour of receipt of the request for inscription.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords, kindly contact the DGACM Help-desk (help-desk@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed 10 minutes, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed 20 minutes.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal should send a copy of the statement at least 2 hour(s) in advance of delivery. PDF format is preferred. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be posted on the PaperSmart portal after delivery.

Delegations are kindly reminded to provide 20 hard copies of the text for the technical services no later than one hour before delivery of the statement.

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should be registered through the "e-List of participants" module on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Background information on the Special Committee will be available and accessible to Committee members and observers on the e-deleGATE secure portal.

Contacts: Sangeeta Sharma, Committee Secretary (sharma7@un.org), Henry Breed, Deputy Committee Secretary (breed@un.org), Lidija Komatina (for inquiries regarding the e-list of participants komatina@un.org, Tomas Casas (for inquiries regarding the e-list of speakers casast@un.org), Dino Del Vasto (del-vasto@un.org).

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and
on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Tuesday, 20 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 3

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2018 session from 20 February 2018 to 28 February 2018.

The provisional agenda for the session is available on the website of the Special Committee (A/AC.182/L.147).

Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on 20 February 2018, is open.

Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations.

Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (6thcommittee@un.org).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the
Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial
Countries and Peoples**

Thursday, 22 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to the secretariat of the Special Committee the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2018. States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2018 session of the Special Committee should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat (Mr. Irfan Soomro, soomroi@un.org) (A/AC.109/2018/L.1 and A/AC.109/2018/L.2).

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Forty-sixth session**

Monday, 5 to Friday 9 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00

Plenary meeting (closed)

Conference Room 6

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 29 January 2018 to

Friday, 2 February 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 February 2018 to Friday, 2 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 12 March 2018 to Friday, 16 March 2018, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Disarmament Commission

Wednesday, 21 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 1

Organizational session (A/CN.10/L.79 and A/CN.10/L.80)

Contacts: Alexander Lomaia, Secretary of the Commission (lomaia@un.org); Christa Giles, Deputy Secretary of the Commission (giles@un.org); Lidija Komatina (komatina@un.org); Martin Vrástak (vrastak@un.org).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan

Friday, 2 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00

9th meeting (closed)

Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Meeting with the Sudan and regional States

Other matters

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2374 (2017) concerning Mali

Monday, 5 February 2018

15:00 to 16:30

Informal consultations (closed)

Conference Room 7

Adoption of the agenda

Programme of work of the Panel of Experts

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

On the draft resolution entitled "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"

Convened by the Chair

15:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

On the draft resolution entitled "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"

Convened by the Chair

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00 2nd plenary meeting Conference Room 3

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Member states, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to send their credentials, by fax or e-mail, to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board, as early as possible, but no later than 2 February 2018.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate in writing, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The time limit set for statements during the general discussion is 3 minutes for individual delegations speaking in their national capacity and 5 minutes for delegations speaking on behalf of a group. UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion.

To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations.

To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

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As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

The upcoming session will be PaperSmart. During the session, hard copies will not be distributed. All documentation will be available to download through the UNICEF Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

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Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board.

The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the PaperSmart portal.

Delegations presenting statements during the general discussion and on specific agenda items will be called upon by the President in the following order of priority:

Members of the Bureau of the UNICEF Executive Board who may wish to take the floor (organized by rank).

Representatives of United Nations Regional Groups speaking on behalf of their groups (organized by rank). Permanent Missions of the United Nations that had sent in advance written requests to the UNICEF secretariat to take the floor at a specific time (with priority given to members of the Executive Board, followed by observers). Delegations are encouraged to send in such requests in a timely fashion, with a clear indication in the subject line of the title and date of the meeting and agenda item.

Requests received from the floor through the electronic system, on a first come, first served basis. Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Contacts: Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org, 212-326-7112), Hikari Arai (harai@unicef.org, 212-326-7091 or 212-326-7096).

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/
United Nations Population Fund/
United Nations Office for Project Services**

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:30

Closed meeting

Conference Room 11

UNDP briefing on the working plan of engagement with the Executive Board on the implementation of the UNDP Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021

All interested delegations are invited.

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 30 January 2018

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-sixth session

 [archived video]

5th meeting

(c) *Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development*

High-level panel discussion: "Towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development"

The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Jeremy Millard, Chief Policy Advisor, Danish Technological Institute, Denmark, Research Fellow at Bradford University, United Kingdom; and Special Advisor to DG CONNECT, European Commission on public sector innovation, e-government and public services.

The panellists were the following: Dr. Sen Gong, Research Fellow of the Development Research Centre of the State Council, and Executive Vice-President of the China Centre for International Knowledge on Development; Ms. Noor Al Malki Al Jehani, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute; Mr. Walter Valdivia, Senior Fellow to CSPO, a science policy think tank at Arizona State University, and Adjunct Faculty at Johns Hopkins, and a Senior Policy Editor for the Mercatus Center, George Mason University; Ms. Maria Garrido, Research Assistant Professor and Principal Research Scientist at the Technology and Social Change Group, University of Washington; and Ms. Donna Scheeder, President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions from 2015-2017.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of Haiti and Ghana, as well as by the observers for Argentina, Germany, Costa Rica, Hungary, South Africa, Burkina Faso, Cuba and Kenya.

The observer of the European Union also made comments and posed a question.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the dialogue: Baha'i International Community; International Federation on Ageing; Soroptomist International; and Sail of Hope.

Wednesday, 31 January 2018

Security Council

 [archived video]

8172nd meeting

Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Security Council began its consideration of the item and adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2018/4).

8173rd meeting

Implementation of the note by the President of the Security Council (S/2017/507)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

Statements were made by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Kazakhstan, Ethiopia, the United States, Peru, Sweden, France, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, China, Poland, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the United Kingdom and Kuwait.

General Assembly Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission

Twelfth session

Organizational Committee

 [archived video]

1st meeting

The outgoing Chair, Republic of Korea, declared open the first meeting of the twelfth session of the Organizational Committee.

Adoption of the agenda [item 1]

The Committee had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/12/OC/1.

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda.

Draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session [item 2]

The Committee had before it the draft report of the Peacebuilding Commission on its eleventh session, as contained in document PBC/11/OC/L.1*.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee adopted the draft report as contained in document PBC/11/OC/L.1*.

Election of officers [item 3]

The Committee elected Romania as Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission for the period until 31 December 2018, by acclamation.

The Committee elected the Republic of Korea and Germany, as Vice-Chairs of the Peacebuilding Commission for the period until 31 December 2018, by acclamation.

Brazil, Canada, Morocco, Sweden and Switzerland were re-elected, for the period until 31 December 2018, to lead the Commission's country-specific engagement in Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Central African Republic, Liberia and Burundi respectively.

The outgoing Chair made a statement.

The Chair-elect made a statement.

Work plan of the Peacebuilding Commission [item 4]

The Commission provisionally approved the work plan for Commission.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, Brazil, Morocco, Canada, Sweden, Switzerland, El Salvador, Colombia, Kenya, Burundi, Belgium, Bangladesh, Ecuador, Indonesia, European Union, France, South Africa, Central African Republic, Mexico, Sierra Leone, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and the Republic of Korea.

Other matters [item 5]

No other matters were raised.

Economic and Social Council

2018 session

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2018 regular session

 [archived video]

5th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification
[item 3 (b)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, the United States, Israel, India, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba, South Africa, Uruguay, Mauritania, Nicaragua, Burundi and Greece.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 24 non-governmental organizations

6th meeting

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification
[item 3 (b)]

The Committee resumed consideration of this sub-item.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Nicaragua, China, Cuba, Uruguay, Mauritania, Greece, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, the United States, Israel and Burundi.

The representatives of Cuba, the United States, the Russian Federation, Greece, India, China, the Sudan and Mauritania posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: SPHER International Ltd.; National Committee on BRICS Research; The Global Alliance for TB Drug Development, Inc.; Research Society of International Law; Global Peace Foundation; Malteser International e.V.; and Gulf Centre for Human Rights Ltd.

The Secretary of the Committee provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative.

Commission for Social Development**Fifty-sixth session** [archived video]**6th meeting**

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups [item 3 (b)]

Panel discussion on "The third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing"

The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Sylvia Beales, an independent inclusive social development consultant and former Head of Strategic Alliances, HelpAge International.

The panellists were the following: His Excellency Héctor Cárdenas, Minister of Social Action of Paraguay; His Excellency José António Vieira da Silva, Minister of Labour, Solidarity, and Social Security of Portugal, and the Chair of the Economic Commission for Europe Regional Review and Appraisal Conference; The Honourable Shirin Sharmin Chaudhary, Speaker of the Bangladesh Parliament; His Excellency Lazarous Kapambwe, Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations; and Dr. Abla Sibai, Chair of the Epidemiology and Population Health Department at the American University of Beirut and the Co-founding Director of the Centre for Studies on Ageing in Lebanon.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which interventions were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Russian Federation, France, Paraguay, Namibia, Austria, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Japan, as well as by the observers for Argentina, Guatemala, Indonesia, Costa Rica, South Africa, Kenya, Finland, Spain and the Dominican Republic.

The observer of the European Union also made comments and posed a question.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made comments and posed questions to the panellists: International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, HelpAge International and International Network for the Prevention of Elderly Abuse.

7th meeting

The summary of the 7th meeting of the Commission for Social Development, will appear in the next issue of the Journal (No. 2018/23).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/323, material published under the sections below is available in *English and French only*.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 1 February 2018

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:30 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Group of Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (Briefing by MIGA on investment guarantees) (at the ambassadorial level)

13:15 to 14:45	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
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Development Policy Seminar on "Understanding Bitcoin, Blockchains and the Crypto Economy" (organized by the Development Strategy and Policy Analysis Unit, Development Policy and Analysis Division (DPAD), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

14:00 to 16:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room C
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All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information please contact Mr. Gerard Reyes (reyes1@un.org; 212-963-1487).

Press conferences

Press Briefing Room (S-0237)  [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link below
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Forthcoming informal meetings

The agenda of the seventy-second session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/72/251 and A/72/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Development of a Global Pact for the Environment" (under agenda item 14) (organized by the Permanent Mission of France)

Tuesday, 6 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00	Conference Room 8
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Forthcoming other meetings

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Public briefing on the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development on the Global Economic Context (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Friday, 2 February 2018

10:00 to 12:00

Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Peter Chowla (chowla@un.org; 212-963-8618).

Event entitled "Reconciliation and Peace in Colombia: Confidence-Building Developments and Continuing Challenges" (A/RES/70/181) (co-organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See, the Permanent Mission of Colombia, and Caritas Internationalis, the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Catholic Peacebuilding Network)

Friday, 2 February 2018

11:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 6

For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer of the Holy See (office@holyseemission.org; 212-370-7885); or [click here](#) to register.

Briefing on the preparations for the sixty-first session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

Friday, 2 February 2018

13:15 to 14:45

Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Yu Pin (chan7@un.org).

Presentation on the Candidacy of Baku for World EXPO 2025 (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan)

Wednesday, 7 February 2018

12:00 to 13:00

Closed meeting

Conference Room 12

For further information, please contact Mr. Ilkin Hajivey (646-738-6265).

Briefing entitled "Artificial Intelligence: A Practical Introduction @TechNovation Talks" (co-organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the United Nations Office of Information Communication Technology (OICT))

Thursday, 8 February 2018

10:00 to 13:00

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15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room D

All are invited. To register, please [click here](#). For further information, please contact Mr. Nicholas Mirabile, UNITAR New York Office (e-mails nicholas.mirabile@unitar.org or nyo@unitar.org; 212-963-4611).

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) briefing on "The role of ICTs in accelerating the achievement of the SDGs (HLPF 2018: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies)" (co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and GSMA, the mobile industry association)

Thursday, 8 February 2018

13:15 to 14:30

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All are invited. For further information, please contact Sharon London, ITU Liaison Office to the United Nations (london@un.org; 212-963-6121).

Third Commemoration of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science Forum (co-organized by the Royal Academy of Science International Trust, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Permanent Missions of Costa Rica, Hungary, Malta and Viet Nam)

Thursday, 8 February 2018

15:00 to 18:00

Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Anneliese Sammut (anneliese.sammut@gov.mt).

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